

WHEN GOD DISAPPOINTS US

What do we do when life does not go according to plan? How do we respond to the deep disappointments of life?

Do we, like Habakkuk, cry out: "*How long, O Lord?... Why?*" We have asked the Lord these same questions, haven't we? Often God does things that surprise us, confuse us, and, if we are honest, disappoint us. How are we to respond to our deepest disappointments, disappointments that are real and painful? We find ourselves disappointed with our children, with our friends, with our circumstances, with our careers, with our spouses, and with ourselves. If we believe God is sovereign (and He is!) then we must admit that our disappointments are really with God.

This study of Habakkuk follows the journey on which God led the Prophet as he sorted through his disappointments and began to see life from a higher, more eternal perspective...from God's perspective!

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Four encouraging sessions:

Facing Disappointments Honestly

Sometimes God seems silent, and we ask the question "How long, O Lord?" At other times, God seems not so much silent as uncaring. In those moments, we cry out "Why?" God does not apologize to Habakkuk, but He does begin to enable him to gain a clearer perspective on life and eternity.

Living By Faith

Habakkuk is unwilling to live with easy answers. He needs to understand just who this God is who seems to act so unfairly. The Lord shows Habakkuk that He is indeed a God of justice and that wickedness will be judged in the end. In the meantime, the righteous will live by faith.

The God Who Overwhelms

Habakkuk finds himself shrinking in the presence of the high and lofty One. His prayer of Chapter Three is far different from his earlier prayers; no longer is there an accusation or a demand, but simply a plea for mercy. God reminds the prophet how faithfully and powerfully the Lord has defended His people in the past.

Standing On A Higher Elevation

The Lord makes the prophet like a deer, bounding up the mountainside. The prophet finds new joy, new hope, and new strength, even though the circumstances of life have not changed. Habakkuk finds himself able to rejoice in an all-sufficient, all-wise God.